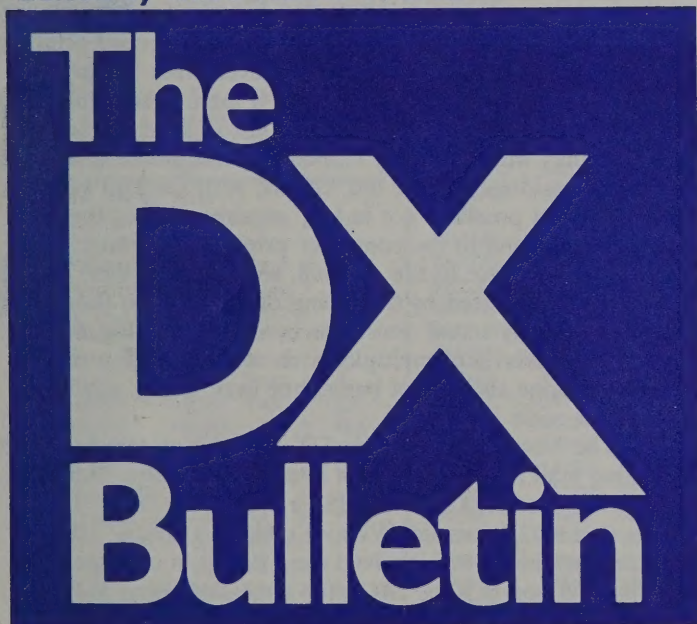


Comoros - D6 Tom Warren K3TW expects to be on as **D68TW** for a week beginning May 19. He'll concentrate on CW, 20 kHz up on the higher bands, and 7005 kHz, listening up 5-10 kHz if needed. Also check 14167 kHz. Operation will be limited to his evenings and during the weekend. Sunset 1445Z. See Bandpass for 5H3TW for Tom's operating preferences. QSL K3ZO. Tom will operate as **5HOT** in the CQ WPX CW test May 27-28.

Glorioso - FR/G *Les Nouvelle DX* reports that Yoland **FR5AI** will operate **/G** for a month starting May 19. Watch 14020 and 21010 kHz on CW, and 14140 and 21220 kHz on SSB.

Reunion - FR LNDX also says that F6FYA will be on as **FR5FO** during the month of June. Try 3537, 7007, 14037, 21037, and 28037 kHz on CW and 3797, 7083, 14137, 21237, and 28537 kHz on SSB. QSL F6FYA.

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St. Martin - FS Bob AI7B, Jim W7EJ, and Craig WB7FRA will be on all bands, including 6 meters, starting May 20. Callsigns will be **FS/** unless their requests for special calls are granted (**FS5T**, **FS5R**, and **FS5DX**.) Bob and Jim will be on in CQ WPX CW May 27-28. QSL home calls.

Dominica - J7 Ray W5EW and Bill WC5N will be on as **J79T** July 4-18, including the IARU HF Championship July 8-9. They'll be on 6 meters, and concentrate on CW on HF. QSL K5MC.

West Carolines - KC6 W1AW reports that JG1RVN will be on as **KC6TY** May 22-26, on RTTY and 6 meters. QSL JG1RVN.

Ocean Island - T33 Jim VK9NS and Bob KN6J have been very workable as **T33JS**. Try 20 meters 10-1600Z, 10 or 15 meters 20-0200Z. 26-29 kHz up on CW, listening 1-5 up, or 14195, 21295, 28490 kHz on SSB.

Shortly Noted

■ Peter **ZS8MI** has been more active on 20 meters, especially around 1300-1700Z. West Coast DXers should check the long path at this time. He's been on 14268, 256, 190, 195, and 180 kHz. QSL **ZS6PT**.

■ Liberian hams can use the prefix **6Z** during July, to celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the Republic of Liberia. QSL the special calls to **K5HUT**, according to W1AW.

■ Another special call is **C4SCG** from Cyprus, commemorating the Games of Small Countries. Individual amateurs are adding their 5B4 suffix to that call, as 5B4SA signs **C4SCG/SA**. The call will be on for the rest of May. QSL individual operators.

■ **FV6PAX** will be active June 5-7, to celebrate the 45th anniversary of D-Day.

■ **7S6DO** will be on from Sweden May 29-June 4. QSL **SM6DEC**.

■ Several Dutch amateurs will be on as **R1W** from the city of Skoft May 31-June 3. QSL route to be announced.

■ Mike 5B4TI says his station will be active as **P3AA** in the CQ WPX CW contest May 27-28, with **YT3AA** at the Key. QSL 5B4TI.

■ **ZS1IS** is a resident of Walvis Bay, the South African enclave that may become a new DXCC country once the political situation in Namibia stabilizes. Don't rush to work him, however, as contacts with Walvis Bay do not count for any DXCC credit at this time.

■ **8R1AH** returns to Canada in June, and other Guyana stations are scarce, so don't miss him. QSL his HF contacts to his home call of **VE7FHF**. QSL his 6-meter QSOs only to **W4CKD**.

■ **JY3ZH** runs a new DX net on 14250 kHz 03-0500Z.

■ Regulars (callsign, frequency or band, UTC): **KC6MJ** 7004 1100Z; **3B8CF** 14033 0300Z; **9J2BO** 14025 13-1400Z; **SU1EE** 14029 01-0300Z or 21028 01-0400Z; **TA2BK** 14025 2230-2330 or 21023 03-0400Z; **TK5IU** 20M CW 23-0300Z; **VK0MP** Antarctica 14005 1400Z; **VU2ROI** 14036 1120Z; **4S7EA** 14179 1230Z or 2330Z; **7X2BK** 20M SSB 0100Z; **7X2DS** 20M SSB 0100Z; **9K2CS** 14202 0030Z; **T5MF** 14195 1400Z; **5H3TW** 21026 18-2200Z; **9Q5XX** 21250 1900Z; **VU2WAP** 21295 0100Z; **ZC4WK** 21278 19-2300Z; and **A92BE** 28489 20-2100Z.

■ SSB net check-ins: 20M **FT4ZE** **CE9AP** (South Shetlands) **3C1MB** **3D2ER**; 15M **ZC4AB** **4S7NMR** **9X5KP** **S92MST** **TZ6MG**.

■ Islands On The Air information: **IK7BDN**, **I7PXV**, **IK7DXP**, and **IK7JWX** will be **/IJ7** June 30-July 9 from St. Andrea Island (EU-91), on SSB, CW, and RTTY. QSL via **I7PXV**. **DL5XAS/p** will be on North Frisian Island (EU-42) June 24. Hans **SM5KI** hopes to be on from Gulf of Bothnia (EU-87) in June. **VE1APB** will try Tancook Island (NA-81) May 22-23. Thanks *DX News Sheet*.

■ RTTY Report: **SU1EE** has been on 20M RTTY around 0300Z. **RL8PYL** 14096 kHz 0100Z; **YI1BGD** 14074 ARQ 1500Z; **V85GA** 21080 0520Z; **FR5ZD** 21080 0500Z; **5W1AB** 14088 2015Z; **5B4PW** 14074 ARQ 0215Z; **5N9ABY** 14091 2300Z; **A41KC** 14072 FEC 1700Z; **3DA0AL** 14092 1100Z; **TK5IU** 14083 0015Z; and **VK0MP** 14070 ARQ 0000Z.

Propagation

Forecast and Historical Data

Day	Forecast	27 Days Before	55 Days Before
May 1989	Date	Flux A K	Date Flux A K
19	Above Normal	4/22 185 06/08 1	3/25 189 08/11 3
20	High Normal	4/23 193 11/18 3	3/26 168 15/17 3
21	Above Normal	4/24 187 09/09 2	3/27 164 40/30 5
22	Low Normal	4/25 177 21/28 5	3/28 158 30/30 3
23	Disturbed	4/26 173 38/62 3	3/29 158 41/54 6
24	Disturbed	4/27 172 31/44 3	3/30 160 30/42 5
25	Below Normal	4/28 179 27/37 3	3/31 170 33/45 5
26	Below Normal	4/29 184 20/32 3	4/01 176 30/38 4
27	Low Normal	4/30 175 20/24 2	4/02 184 33/26 3
28	High Normal	5/01 178 11/12 3	4/03 191 14/19 4
29	Low Normal	5/02 181 20/22 4	4/04 186 24/42 5

Propagation Watch

DXers received a real treat from the sun during the second week in May. After almost two solid weeks of degraded conditions due to geomagnetic activity, the ionosphere quieted down, and gave us excellent DX propagation.

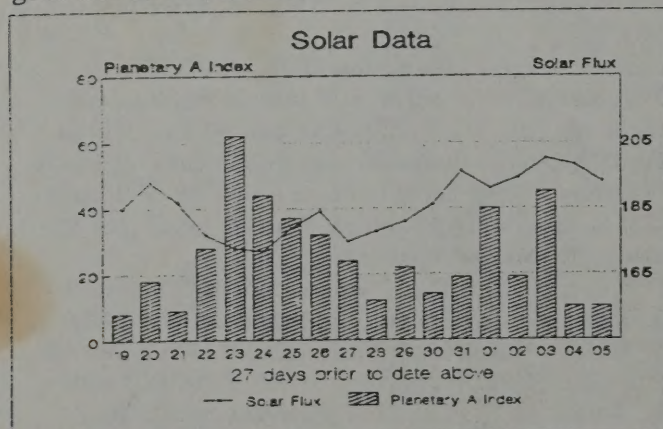
Beginning May 8th, the Boulder A index dropped into single digits for the first time since April 24th. The effect on the bands was dramatic. The often-productive dawn long path on 20 and 30 meters rewarded observant DXers with high signal levels and low noise. This opening lasts as long as 2-3 hours, and shouldn't be missed.

The quiet geomagnetic field also gave DXers good signals over the North Pole, in the early evening, especially on 20-15 meters. With the maximum usable frequency (MUF) just above 15 meters, signals on that band were very loud, with little absorption.

These excellent band conditions may disappear at any moment, as the solar experts expect the sun to become more active in coming weeks. One active sunspot region can stir up the ionosphere enough to significantly degrade DX propagation.

So DXers should keep an ear on WWV at 18 minutes after the hour, listening for low (below 10) A indices, and low (below 3) K values, and make the most of the good conditions.

20-15 meters will continue to provide the bulk of the DX, supplemented by north-south openings on 10 meters. 20 meters should stay open essentially all night, if the geomagnetic field cooperates. Check 30 meters during darkness hours as well. And if the solar activity does pick up, try 6 meters and higher bands. Also, the summer E-skip season is fast approaching; multiple-hop E-skip can provide good DX on 12-6 meters.



The End of DXpeditions?

The US Transportation Department is contemplating putting an end to DXpeditions as we presently know them. In the wake of the terrorist bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland, the Transportation Department is looking for ways to prevent small amounts of plastic explosives from being smuggled on board aircraft. One option they are considering is a total ban on portable computers, tape players, and other electronic devices on airplanes.

This ban would cover both hand luggage and checked luggage, and would essentially prevent amateurs from carrying rigs on flights, even as checked luggage.

Airlines are in the process of installing sophisticated detection devices that can detect plastic explosives, which are invisible to ordinary x-ray scanners. However, it will take two years or more to install these new detectors at all high-risk airports. Meanwhile, the Transportation Department is considering banning all electronic equipment on airplanes.

Perhaps DXers should write Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner about an exemption for licensed amateur radio operators.

3D2XX Rotuma Cards

Ross Forbes WB6GFJ reports that the second printing of the 3D2XX Rotuma cards were delayed from the printer, and are now expected this week, with a mailing scheduled for early June. He asks impatient DXers not to send duplicate cards, as they will only delay response. [And please don't call, as one inconsiderate DXer did, collect, yet!] He also says not to panic about possible "not in log," as almost all of those contacts not found in the computer printout were later located by reference to the original, hand-written logs; the errors were generated by the typing of the log into the computer, not by actual omissions in the original log. So those DXers who sent multiple cards requests with a single return envelope should not panic, nor even worry; you'll get your QSLs soon.

The Northern California DX Foundation tabulated the incoming mail for 3D2XX, with interesting results. They received almost 17,000 direct QSL requests for the 34,000 QSOs that 3D2XX made. Without making a special effort to ask for donations, they received over \$9,500 in cash and stamps, and nearly 3,200 IRCs, for a total of about \$11,000. This means that unsolicited contributions not only paid for all QSL expenses, including printing and mailing, but also covered a large fraction of the cost of the trip. This suggests that those QSL managers who demand payment over and above return postage costs are getting wealthy on their QSL "business," and also suggests that there is no excuse for a DXer refusing to answer bureau QSLs because of the expense. The DX Advisory Committee will discuss QSL practices later this year, based in part upon this NCDXF analysis.

Midwest PacketCluster

A new PacketCluster DX spotting network using the popular AK1A software has been set up by the Midwest DX Packet Association. Nodes KS9K in Racine, WI, KU9Z in Elk Grove IL, and N9AOL in Lockport IL are assessable on 223.44 MHz. (N9AOL is also on 144.91 MHz.) The group hopes to expand the network throughout the region. For more information, contact K9EL, 707 Venice Court, Schaumburg IL 60193.

B . A . N . D . P . A . S . S

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet.
All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

RTTY

5B4OK	14094	0216	6	PA
9M6HF	21091	1930	11	CA
BY9GA	21085	0110	10	IL
CT1AZC	21080	1940	10	CA
FM5CD	14092	2120	7	CA
FO5MA	14092	0310	6	OH
FR5ZU	14090	1350	12	CA
GM3DJT	21085	1925	11	CA
HP1AC	21084	2225	9	CA
HV3SJ	14098	0110	6	PA
ON9CBF	21089	1530	10	CA
RL8PYL	14097	0050	8	PA
SP6AOI	21090	1925	10	CA
SU1EE	14091	0341	7	CA
UA3DNO	21097	1625	10	CA
UT5RP	21091	1935	10	CA
UW9CY	21082	1635	10	CA
Y11BGD	14070	0320	7	MA

40 Meters

3D2AG	7159	0630	9	MO
EW8TJ	7008	0314	8	MA
FK8EJ	7007	0953	8	FL
KC6MJ	7004	1100	5	MT
P40P	7006	1003	11	FL
P40P	7159	0550	9	MO
T33JS	7004	1010	12	MA
UL7MU	7003	0045	4	IL
V85BJ	7007	1055	7	IL

20 Meter CW

3B8CF	14034	0328	8	NY
3D2AG	14007	0755	5	MI
4S7DA	14027	1137	6	FL
4U0UN	14022	2046	7	FL
6W6JX	14017	2342	7	MA
7X2VXK	14002	0156	7	FL
9H25ED	14021	2005	7	FL
9J2AL	14013	2133	6	IL
9J2BO	14024	1430	7	CA
9J2BO *	14020	1245	5	WA
BY4RB	14037	1154	6	IL
EK0BG	14027	0425	1	MT
EM0COG	14016	0241	8	ID
EV1AN	14015	0130	8	NJ
EW2C	14027	0100	6	FL
FH8ON	14008	1333	5	MT
FK8FS	14009	1145	25	MA
HK0BKX	14018	1336	8	CA
JT1BR	14026	1456	1	MT
JX7DFA	14012	0345	7	MI
JY9SR	14037	0106	8	FL
KH3/KN0E	14026	0839	5	MI
KH3/KN0E	14022	0417	7	CA
KH3/KN0E	14006	1442	7	FL
PJ9PM	14009	1400	5	CA
RH8AO	14028	0050	9	FL
RH8BQ	14028	2307	8	FL
ST2/	14020	2354	7	NJ
PA0GAM				
SU1EE	14030	0100	3	MI
T20AA	14026	1058	7	MI
TA2BK	14022	2238	2	NH
TA2BK	14025	0321	8	NY
TA2Q	14037	0330	6	MT
TA4A	14002	2240	3	MI
TF4LB	14025	1345	3	NH
TK5IU	14002	2307	6	MI
UA2FDJ	14024	2202	7	FL
UF6DZ	14019	0233	6	PA
UG6GAW	14002	0200	4	MI
UH8AAG	14033	0154	1	GA
UI8AA	14010	0132	13	FL

UI9AAB	14031	0120	6	MA
UI9BWR	14019	0050	8	FL
UI9IWZ	14025	0145	3	MI
UN1AN	14008	0118	6	FL
UQ2GSM	14042	0241	2	KY
UZ1OWZ	14009	0106	6	MA
V85BB	14015	1246	4	MN
VK0MP	14004	1355	4	MT
Antarctica				
VP2EXX	14004	0253	4	KY
VP2MT	14027	1151	3	GA
VU2PCD *	14003	1340	5	WA
VU2ROI	14038	1119	10	CA
VU2TEC	14027	1306	11	CA
VU2TEC	14017	0043	6	FL
VU2TTC	14003	1201	7	NH
YB0DPO	14025	1228	6	MI
YN/	14004	1219	6	MI
SM0OIG				

20 Meter SSB

4S7EA	14180	1230	2	MT
4S7EA	14178	2331	6	MA
4S7EA *	14178	1226	4	MN
4S7VK	14185	1155	6	MI
4Z4UR	14213	0310	4	MI
5H3TW	14156	1400	8	CA
5T5HH	14247	2303	3	MD
7X2BK	14243	0049	6	MA
7X2DS	14205	0038	4	FL
7X2VXK	14278	0354	6	OH
7X5VRK	14173	0145	3	MI
7X4BL	14160	0139	1	WV
8R1AH	14180	0430	28	FL
9K2CS	14200	0033	6	MA
9K2JL	14220	0200	5	MI
9K2KS	14300	2147	2	MD
9M2FR	14190	1100	6	MI
9M8PV	14194	1021	11	MA
A41JZ	14160	0111	27	FL
A41KJ *	14169	1353	7	MT
AP2MQ	14173	0128	2	WV
AP2SQ *	14182	1355	7	CA
BT1TUS	14193	1143	4	MD
CE9AP	14250	0113	2	MI
D68CY	14250	0235	3	NH
EL2WK	14162	0245	4	MI
EO9ACS	14179	0017	8	MA
EP2HZ *	14185	1358	7	MT
EW9AA	14187	0227	7	MA
FO5JV	14189	0947	2	NY
FR5EL	14200	0325	6	OH
HK0NZY	14224	0110	8	MA
KC4AAA	14161	0300	5	MI
KC4USV	14205	1235	9	WA
KH3/KH0E	14213	0600	3	FL
OX3DD	14165	1355	2	ON
P29CG	14198	1028	12	MA
S79YA	14200	1414	8	UT
T5MF *	14195	1322	7	CA
T5YD	14250	2230	4	NH
TA2BK	14250	0219	1	NH
TF3BM	14175	1211	5	ME
TL8TG	14180	1430	7	CA
TL8WD	14232	0524	1	WA
TU2JL	14222	0615	5	CA
UM8MK	14189	0117	8	MA
VU2WAP	14198	1230	7	MI
YJ8FB	14165	0955	8	MN
ZC4ZK	14193	2027	4	MD

17 Meter CW

F3NB	18088	1535	5	WI
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17 Meter SSB

HK5LEX	18120	0313	4	ON
HP1XSO	18150	0232	9	FL
VK2EYI	18150	0606	9	MO
VK3DOU	18116	1240	5	WI

15 Meter CW

3A2LF	21032	1435	7	FL
5H3TW	21028	2155	12	FL
8J1YES	21025	0144	2	KY
9J2BO	21024	1810	7	NH
9L1SL	21037	2218	10	FL
BY9GA	21028	0111	13	FL
CE0FFD	21012	2313	4	IL
EA6KC	21013	1759	4	ID
EA8BTU	21007	0010	3	FL
EV1AN	21016	0427	10	CA
EW0CL	21013	1851	7	VA
FR4FA/p	21019	1110	13	FL
HL5BDS	21009	1241	3	NH
HL5BDS	21008	2257	6	IL

South Shetlands

JT1BR	21033	1415	1	NH
JT1KAI	21025	0040	13	FL
JY9SR	21020	0141	7	FL
LZ2TU	21012	0332	10	CA
PZ1DV	21007	0035	9	IA
PZ1DY	21005	2131	6	MN
RA3DN	21036	1910	10	CA
S79YA	21029	1830	7	CA
ST2/	21020	2236	1	MI

PA0GAM

SU1EE	21030	0113	13	FL
T33JS	21029	1629	11	MA
TA2BK	21024	0306	11	CA
TA2BK	21025	2250	8	IA
TK5EP	21024	2244	12	FL
UD6DC	21018	0115	13	FL
UI8IF	21021	0440	9	CA
UI9ABL	21009	1543	10	CA
UJ8JI	21007	0308	9	IL
UL7BX	21014	0331	9	IL
UL7JEG	21007	0047	7	ID
V85AA	21014	1657	4	MT
YN/	21028	2138	9	FL

SM0OIG

ZD8BOB	21050	2200	5	MI
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15 Meter SSB

4X41ID	21265	0017	10	MO
5B4TI	21307	1655	30	MA
5H3VB	21358	1843	6	MD
5H9GM	21345	1945	30	FL
7P8DP	21220	1841	5	MA
8Q7AC	21335	2115	6	WV
9L2NG	21239	1746	7	MA
9Q5FF	21387	2148	7	PA
9Q5XX	21247	1852	6	MA
BY9GA	21302	0011	4	MD
EM7B	21224	1525	8	MA
HS0B	21227	1300	9	IA
JT1J	21232	1445	9	MO
JT1KAA	21232	1215	9	MN
JT1T	21262	0240	7	CA
JY5DL	21221	1620	8	CA
P29SR	21273	2254	6	MT
RH8AJ	21214	1245	9	IA
S79YA	21274	1815	6	MD
S83H	21226	1854	7	CA
S92LB	21279	2120	4	CA
SU1EK	21202	0215	10	CA
T33JS	21228	0311	12	MA
T53RC	21251	2101	4	MD
TA2KA	21290	1618	5	MD
TL8DJ	21250	2213	5	MI

TR8CJ	21273	2307	6	NH
TZ6MG	21305	1606	6	MD
UI8ACK	21233	1335	9	IA
VQ9JT *	21252	1105	11	MA
VU2WAP	21296	0115	10	PA
VU2WAP	21295	2013	6	MD
ZC4WK	21278	1920	3	UT
ZD8PS	21281	2135	1	NH
ZS1IS	21230	1955	7	CT
Walvis Bay				

10 Meter CW

5N0/	28034	1231	13	FL
KH6HSS				
5W1HC	28025	0139	4	IL
6W1AAD	28051	1938	13	FL
9J2BO	28022	1505	2	NH
CE0FFD	28009	0010	3	CA
CN8FC	28028	1535	8	IA
HL5BDS	28013	1700	7	CA
JY9SR	28026	1230	13	FL
ST2/	28025	2151	11	FL
PA0GAM				
V85BJ	28030	0158	8	CA

10 Meter SSB

3B8CF	28492	1415	8	NJ
3DA0AX	28434	1731	8	MO
4Y0ICA	28447	1734	30	TX
5B4TI	28480	1700	4	NJ
5N8ZHN	28512	1750	8	MO
5W1HC	28530	0027	4	FL
6W1LM	28465	2300	5	NJ
7P8CI	28550	1649	6	MD
7P8DP	28543	1600	30	MA
9J2KF	28505	2230	2	FL
A22AV	28600	1751	6	WV
A92BE	28488	2020	11	MA
CE0MTY	28450	2312	1	TX
CN2AQ	28523	1800	8	NJ
D44BS	28533	1426	11	MA
EA9IB	28485	2030	8	NJ
EA9NN	28503	1750	8	NJ
EL7X	28535	1615	8	IA
FR5CN	28500	1430	6	NJ
J28CW	28532	1331	1	MD
KC4AAC	28628	1847	29	TX
SV5TS	28522	1708	1	MD
VP2ESM	28475	2240	5	WA
VP2EXX	28490	2040	1	MI
Z21HD	28456	1730	30	TX
ZD8BOB	28490	2025	11	MA
ZS3GB	28446	1655	8	IA

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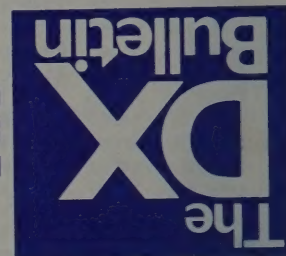
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Date	Event or Activity	Info
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